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October 21st, 1918

A. H. U. Colquhoun, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Education,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Colquhoun:

I have your letter of October 15th with regard to the proposed revision of the financial terms of the agreement between the University and the Department of Education in the matter of the one year course in Household Science. I will lay the matter before the meeting of the Board of Governors which is to be held on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Department of Education

TORONTO,
December 5th, 1918.

Dear Sir,-

I am directed by the Minister of Education to acknowledge your letter of the 26th of November, which has been the basis of subsequent conferences between the Department and yourself. The Minister accepts the terms of the memorandum which accompanies your letter, and proposes to take such further steps on the whole subject as may be deemed necessary. Consideration will be given to the question of increase in the maintenance allowances. The Minister having confidence in your ability and experience to deal with the various cases that arise, will await a report on the whole subject at a later date.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
A.H.Colquhoun
Deputy Minister of Education.

W. Pakenham, Esq.,
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Toronto, Canada.

November 26, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

Two classes of applicants for training as teachers are under consideration: (1) Teachers-in-training who withdrew from attendance at the Faculty of Education, Toronto, during the sessions 1914-15, 1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, to undertake military duties, and who may wish to complete their training for Provincial certificates, (2) Other persons, qualified for admission to the Faculty of Education, Toronto, who have been engaged in military service and who may seek admission to said Faculty.

Some of the factors which have a determining influence upon the recommendations given below are stated here:

1. The financial assistance offered in the official regulations is now inadequate.
2. Maladjustments between the month of return from military service and the month of withdrawal from attendance will be common. This week's applicants are Jackson, who left June 3rd and returns December 1st, and Way, who left March 28 and would return now.
3. Final examinations and the preparation for final examinations are indespensable. The amount of preparation will vary with the remoteness in time, as well as the brevity of former attendance.
4. Both classes of applicants have been led to expect generous consideration; the Province will endorse such consideration.
5. Assuming that the interests of the schools are safeguarded, recommendations are to be preferred in the following order: (a) those which leave the fewest obstacles in the way of the returned soldier, (b) those which create the fewest administrative problems for the Department of Education, (c) those which lay the fewest burdens upon the staff of the Faculty of Education.

It is recommended:-

(1) That the maintenance allowance to both classes of applicants be increased.

(2) That both classes of applicants be permitted to enter the Toronto Faculty of Education at such times and under such conditions as are provided in the present regulations or that, subject to the conditions outlined below, they be permitted to enter whenever they are able to present themselves for admission.

The staff will regard each applicant as a "special case". While advantage will be taken of the regular course of lectures, supplementary lectures will be given after 4 o'clock, in the evenings, on Saturdays, during holidays, and, if need be, during July and August. With due regard to the contents of the courses, the numbers of the lectures, the limits of the examinations, the length of the session, as provided for under the Regulations, the lecture staff will determine in each case the date of admission, the length of the training, and the date and character of the final examinations. The staff's report to the Minister on the examinations of each applicant will contain a statement in detail of the applicant's training and qualifications. The staff will undertake to decide all matters in the spirit of the Regulations, but it will understand that any applicant may at any time appeal to the Minister for a revision of its decisions.

January 22nd, 1919

A. H. U. Colquhoun, Esq., LL.D.,
Deputy Minister of Education,
Toronto.

My dear Dr. Colquhoun:

I am sending you herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Universities with the Repatriation Committee last week in Ottawa. I shall be glad if you will let me have it back when you have read it.

I saw Professor Sandiford yesterday and also Dean Bakenham. Dean Bakenham has undertaken to go over the address of Sandiford and point out to him where he made misstatements as to fact. I think that Sandiford will write a letter to the papers setting forth an acknowledgment of any misstatement that he has made, but I am to see any letter before it is sent to the papers.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 25th, 1919

Dr. A. H. U. Colquhoun,
Deputy Minister of Education,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Colquhoun:

I am informed the Superintendent of Buildings that the Department of Education will be granted the use of rooms that have been arranged for for one month from July 15th.

If you will kindly ask the Secretary of your Department to confer with the Superintendent as to the changes that are necessary I am sure he will be glad to do anything that lies in his power.

Yours sincerely,

President.